

Selectmen Present: Chairman Ray Gorman, Selectman Greg Placy, Selectman Sue Collins, and Town Manager Becky Merrow.

Others Present: Public (Sign in sheet attached), Recording Clerk Sasha Uran.

Chairman Ray Gorman welcomed everyone and asked that all questions or concerns be addressed to either himself or the Town Manager. The following are the Articles with questions or comments.

Articles 2 & 3 (Seasonal Camp & Fencing)

Pam Frizzell asked if the two articles for the Planning Board are on the website for viewing. Becky responded in the affirmative.

Article 4 (\$2,230,490 for General Government)

Becky reported that there is an increase this year. Due to moving things around. Taxes to be raised in 2016 is down. Wages are projected to go up therefor retirement will go up. Executive went up due to perambulation and the town will be sharing the costs with the county.

Karen Ladd asked if the town is only doing this with the Dixville line. Becky responded that they are for this year. Hoping to do one a year with each of the lines.

Article 6 (\$20,000 for Water Short Lived Assets)

Ray noted it is basically part of the Main Street Project.

Pam Frizzell asked if it is only a one time \$20,000 or if it will be an ongoing thing. Ray responded that it will probably be asked for the next few years.

Pam Frizzell asked if it will revert back to the tax payers after, and whether or not it will increase quarterly water bills. Becky responded that the money can be used at any time for anything needed like the UV Lights being replaced or repaired. As to the second question Becky does not anticipate a raise in the water rates.

Article 7(\$20,000 for Sewer Short Lived Assests)

Becky noted that the Sewer fund is in a deficit. The board of Selectmen voted to close the account at the Selectman Meeting the night before. Any remaining money in the account will be transferred to the General Fund to cover part of the deficit.

Article 8(\$624,665 for Waterworks and Sewer Facilities)

Becky noted there is a high amount for sewer. There are a lot of repairs and replacements that need to be done at the facilities.

Article 9(\$164,789 for Colebrook Public Library)

Russell Fuller noted that as the Colebrook Public Library Treasurer he has different numbers than the town. It should only be \$142,000 to be raised by taxation.

Article 15(Discontinue Water Reservoir Capital Reserve Fund)

Ray noted that the account was for the Water Tank. The tank was refurbished in 2015, no longer need the account. Becky will have to change it to two articles. One to move it to the General Fund and the second to move the money to the water PDIP account.

Article 16(Discontinue Town's Class VI portion of Golf Links Road)

Greg noted the portion being discontinued is from the gate just passed Danny Lyons property to the Colebrook Country Club.

Pam Frizzell asked if the benefit is just that the Town of Colebrook will no longer need to maintain the road. Greg noted the state portion of the road will be cleaned up before being discontinued. The gate has been closed for years.

Article 17(Sell a portion of Lynch Drive to Fred Cunningham)

Ray noted it's only like a ½ an acre. Greg noted that Fred Cunningham already abuts the property, he is looking to buy it so he can build his garage with access to it.

Other Questions and Comments

Pam Frizzell wanted to know if the dispatch budget is better for the core towns or if it was still too high. Greg noted that it is determined on call volume at the moment.

Pam Frizzell asked what constitutes a "call". Chief Cass replied that there is no actual definition to a "call". They are basing theirs on Grafton County's methodology and are charging for a "call to service" (Police, Fire, Ambulance).

Motion: Greg Placy recommends the passage of Articles 3-17 with amendments. Plus addition of article for Discontinuing Water Reservoir Fund. Sue Collins seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion: Greg Placy moved to enter into Executive Session citing RSA91-A:3,II(e). Sue Collins seconded. Roll Call Vote Ray Gorman "aye", Greg Placy "aye", Sue Collins "aye".

Executive Session entered at 8:01pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sasha Uran

Recording Clerk